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TOPIC Alt-Loennewitz Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. Activities observed at Alt Loennewitz airfield during the period from 9 November through 2 December 1952 included:

9 and 10 November. There was no flying. It rained heavily on 10 November.

11 November. Individual flights were made between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The ceiling was at an estimated altitude of 100 meters, and visibility was moderate. The planes involved, apparently jet fighters, flew in or above the clouds.

12 November. The base of the thin cloud cover was at an altitude of about 150 meters. At 8:35 a.m., eight MiG-15s took off at intervals of about 30 seconds. Six additional MiG-15s took off at 9:38 a.m. Two Yak-11s, [redacted] took off at 10:10 a.m. After circling three times over the field, the two planes landed again. About 8 a.m., [redacted]

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[redacted] eight MiG-15s parked in irregular pattern before the three western hangars, the doors of which were half open. Two single-engine planes were seen among these MiG-15s. Four MiG-15s were parked immediately north of the eastern end of the runway and two more MiG-15s about 30 meters west of them.

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13 through 21 November. There was no flying. The weather was mostly foggy with intermittent snowfalls.

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21 November. The weather was foggy in the morning, and it started raining at 1 p.m. Machine-gun firing was practiced at the target range in the northeastern corner of the installation from 7 to 10:30 a.m. Three details of 10 to 12 men each were observed practicing with prismatic compasses in the woods west and northwest of the field. The soldiers wore camouflage suits, and each detail was led by an officer who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. Alsation dogs were being trained by six soldiers on the west side of the target range.

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22 November. At 1 p.m., 10 MiG-15s took off in groups of two in quick succession. They landed again at 1:45 p.m. The weather was very foggy until about 12:30 p.m., when it began to clear up.

23 November. The weather was foggy in the morning and rainy in the afternoon. There was no flying.

24 November. Groups of two MiG-15s each took off at 9:30 and 9:36 a.m. The four planes returned about 10:15 a.m., approaching from the southwest at an altitude of 250 meters. There was a light frost with intermittent snowfalls.

26 through 30 November. There was no flying.

26 November. At 2:50 a.m., [redacted] 6 MiG-15s in front of the second hangar from the west, 2 Yak-11s and 1 Po-2 near the eastern end of the runway, and 2 twin-engine planes in front of the fourth hangar from the west. At 11:15 a.m., 6 MiG-15s were seen at the parking site of the alert flight and 4 MiG-15s 150 meters northwest of it.

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29 November. At 10:30 a.m., work was being done on 2 of the 6 alert planes parked at their usual parking lot. The engine of one of the planes was running.

1 December. Between 8:30 and 8:43 a.m., 5 MiG-15s took off individually. They landed again after 20 minutes. At 9:12 a.m., the first of the 5 planes took off again followed by the others. The planes landed individually after about 20 minutes and the same pattern was repeated until about 4 p.m. There was a light frost.

2 December. Between 8:40 and 10:30 a.m., 6 MiG-15s practiced individual local flying. There was a light frost and a slight degree of overcast. Some of the planes approached the field above the ceiling.

2. On 29 November, [redacted] a double sentry who wore parkas. At 9 a.m. every day, a cart drawn by two horses left Alt Loennowitz for Belgern, from where it returned about 4 p.m. The vehicle was occupied by two or three soldiers, who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. On the trip to Belgern, the cart was loaded with boxes and sacks; on its return trip [redacted]

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[redacted] it carried several fuel drums having an estimated capacity of 200 liters. At 9:30 a.m. on 19 November, truck [redacted] was observed near Koetten on the Loennowitz-Torgau road. At 11:45 a.m. on 29 November, truck [redacted] proceeded from the airfield toward Lichtenwerda.

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1. [redacted] Comment. A fighter regiment is stationed at Alt Loennowitz airfield. Flying activity at this field decreased considerably after the completion of the fall maneuvers and owing to adverse weather conditions. The occasional flying observed under poor weather conditions indicates that some of the pilots of this regiment have been trained in instrument flying and are capable of all-weather flying. [redacted]

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